(e) if the answer to part (c) above in negative what is the justification for arbitrary hike by the manufacturers themselves; and

(f) what measures Government have taken or propose to take to ensure that (i) the arbitrary hike is not implemented; (ii) steps should be taken to roll them back; and (iii) the guilty, if any, are suitably punished?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) According to the information supplied by the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association, tyre companies have increased the prices of various categories of tyres in November—December, 1990 between 3 to 7.5 per cent to absorb the increase in production cost of tyres due to increase in the prices of various raw materials.

(c) to (f) There is no statutory control over the prices of automotive tyres. As such, tyre companies do not require Government's approval to go in for a price rise. However, the Government have placed specified categories of truck and bus tyres under OGL, at a reduced rate of duty for import by bulk consumers to keep a check on prices of these tyres. To encourage creation of fresh capacity for the manufacture of automotive tyres and tubes, the industry has been exempted from licensing under the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, and the application of Sections 21 & 22 of the MRTP Act. Government have also ensured maximisation of tyre production through continuous monitoring and regular interaction with the Industry.

Proposal for more Low Power Transmitters in Gujarat

490. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat have made a proposal for 51 more low power transmitters to cover remaining areas of the State for T.V. Transmission; and

(b) if so, by when the same is likely to be covered under T.V. Transmission programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal to this effect was received some time back.

(b) It is the endeavour of the Government to expand Doordarshan network in the State, as expeditiously as possiblue, depending upon the availability of funds for the purpose.

Establishment of High Power Transmitter in Pavagadh, Gujarat

491. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat have submitted a proposal to the Government for establishement of a high power transmitter on the Hills of Pavagadh, District Junagarh; and

(b) if so, what action has so far been taken to provide such a High Power Transmitter at Pavagadh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) A request for the establishment of a high power TV transmitter at Pavagadh in Panchamahal district of Gujarat has been received from the Government of Gujarat.

(b) While there is no approved scheme at present to establish a TV transmitter at Pavagadh, it is the constant endeavour of the Government

to extend TV service to the uncovered parts of the country including those in Panchamahal district as expeditiously as possible, depending upon the availability of resources for the purpose.

Financial Implications of Right to Work

492. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Deccan Herald' of the 6th October, 1990 under the action 'Right to Work' costly solution to unemployment;

(b) whether it is a fact that the cost of 'Right to work' is beyond the able to take Right capacity of Government and the economy would not be to Work as a Fundamental Right and it is not a workable solution to unemployment; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) In pursuance of the decision taken at the meeting of National Development Council, a Committee has been set up to examine the legal, operational, organisational and financial aspects of the approach for achieving the goal of right to work.

Assam Cadre I.A.S. Officers with Central Government

493. SHRI BHADRESHWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the number of I.A.S. officers of Assam Cadre presently serving with the Central Government with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): There are 33 IAS Officers borne on the Joint Cadre of Assam-Meghalaya presently serving with the Central Government, as per the details given below:—

(i) Secretary/Secretary equivalent	
(ii) Addl. Secretary/Addl. Secretary equivalent	4
(iii) Joint Secretary/Joint Secretary equivalent	12
(iv) Director/Director equivalent	5
(v) Deputy Secretary/Deputy Secretary equivalent	9
(vi) Under Secretary/Under Secretary equivalanent	2

Proposals for Doordarshan Serials

494. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan has invited proposals from the producers of TV serials;

(b) if so, what is the number of applications received in response to the advertisement;

(c) what are the guidelines to select these programmes;

(d) whether there are any selection committees set up for this purpose; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to Doordarshan, 3516 proposals for sponsored TV serials within the due date for receipt of applications have been received.